

Practice. Accordingly, Applicants are submitting herewith a copy of the amended claims marked up, as required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c)(ii), to show all changes relative to the previous version of each claim and attached hereto as Exhibit A.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

At page 3 ,line 28, after "and", delete "3,666,41" and insert therefor -3,666,421--.

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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-15, 17-19, 21, and 24.

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16. A method of analyzing blood, comprising:
- (a) reacting a sample of blood with anti-A and anti-B antibodies;
 - (b) reacting a sample of blood with reagent red blood cells bearing A antigen and with reagent red blood cells bearing B antigen;
 - (c) subjecting the sample to visual or spectrophotometric analysis; and
 - (d) analyzing the visual or spectrophotometric analysis to determine ABO type;
wherein the visual analysis comprises column agglutination technology.

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20. The method of claim 16 wherein the reagent red blood cells of step (b) are stained.

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22. The method of claim 20 wherein the column agglutination technology is a column agglutination test reaction and separation vessel in cassette form.

23. The method of Claim 22 wherein an automated computerized imaging system is employed to interpret an agglutination result.